

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The indication that claims 7, 9 and 10 are allowable, that claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 12 and 14 are objected to, but would be allowable if amended to correct minor informalities, and that dependent claims 2-5, 13 and 16 would be allowable if the noted informalities of the claims they depend directly or indirectly from were corrected is acknowledged and appreciated.

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006, claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14 and 15 are amended as suggested by the Examiner on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Claims 1-16 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

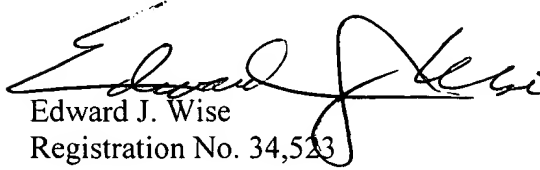
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to

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